Residential facilities for Beedi Workers

†1747. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government schemes for welfare of Beedi Workers;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide residential facilities to the poor and homeless Beedi Workers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the amount allocated to various States under this scheme, and of the amount utilised, State-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that houses for Beedi Workers of Bihar have not been constructed, despite completion of all the formalities by them; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this construction work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government is implementing various welfare schemes for Beedi Workers in the fields of health, education, housing, social security, recreations, water-supply etc. under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A subsidy amount of Rs. 40,000/- per house is granted under the Revised Integrated Housing Schemes (RIHS), 2005.

(d) State-wise details of houses sanctioned and subsidy released during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Statement (See below).

(e) and (f) 1016 houses were sanctioned to Beedi Workers in Jamui District in Bihar under RIHS on 23rd March, 2006. The workers themselves construct houses and there is a stipulated period of 18 months for the completion of construction of houses from the date of sanction.

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Statement

State-wise details of houses sanctioned and subsidy released for construction of houses by the Beedi Workers under Revised Integrated Housing Scheme (RIHS) 2005 during 2005-06 & 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of State	2005-06 Houses sanctioned	2005-06 Amount released Rs. (lakh)	2006-07 (upto Feb. 2007) Houses sanctioned	2006-07 (upto Feb. 2007) released Rs. (lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9595	3838.00	11485	3308.00
2.	Karnataka	—	—	778	277.00
3.	Orissa	43	17.20	1634	384.60
4.	Tamil Nadu	—	—	2898	615.60
5.	Bihar	1016	406.40	662	156.20
6.	Uttar Pradesh	21	8.40	128	25.60
7.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	225	45.00
8.	Jharkhand	—	—	151	30.20
9.	Maharashtra	187	74.80	13	2.60
10.	Assam	—	—	91	18.20
11.	West Bengal	—	—	168	33.60
	TOTAL :	10862	4344.80	18233	4896.60

Illiteracy amongst labourers

†1748. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 70 per cent of labourers from organized and unorganized sectors are either illiterate, or are educated upto primary level;

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